

# East Tennessee

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layup off the break. But Reid stuck a short turnaround and Jeff Lebo, who had 10 points and 10 assists, drilled one from 3-point land to make it 13-2 just three minutes into the slaughter.

"The thing I like about Carolina is that they play hard every minute," said ETSU coach Les Robinson. "It doesn't matter whether it's the No. 1 team or the No. 300 team, they play hard every step of the way. I appreciate a team like that."

Robinson's Bucs, who painfully resembled a No. 300 team Wednesday, hung close for a while, cutting the deficit to 30-20 on a 15-foot jumper by Mark Larkey at the 7:21 mark of the first half. Soon thereafter, though, the floodgates swung wide open.

Kenny Smith and Lebo had 3-pointers in a 14-4 run that put the Tar Heels ahead by 20 at 44-24. The rest of the half degenerated into — or evolved into, depending on your point of view — a dunkfest.

The highest marks went to Kenny Smith for his dippy-do double-clutch-delicacy dunk, and to Reid for

a thunderous, Darryl Dawkins-and-Lovetron-revisited stufferino.

"I think it was a good game for us at this time of the year," Dean Smith said. "We took the last couple of days off from practice and rededicated ourselves offensively and defensively. I think we took a step forward tonight."

Also marching in the double-figures parade were Joe Wolf (15), Scott Williams (11), Ranzino Smith (10) and Steve Bucknall (10). Wolf added a game-high 11 rebounds and Williams had 10 boards as the Tar Heels out-Winded the visitors, 52-30.

"This is something you can look back on someday, because half of that team will be in the NBA one day," said Larkey, a 6-8 sophomore who defended Wolf part of the night. "They have some big boys, I'll tell you."

Larkey said his most lasting memory of the night would be the two 3-pointers Wolf tossed in. "I couldn't believe that," he said. "That'll stick with me for a while."

# Sports

## Crowd apathy What ails the spectators at the Smith Center?

By DAVID HALL  
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Last Wednesday's 94-85 victory over Wake Forest was distressing for Tar Heel fans in two ways. In addition to the subpar play of the basketball squad, the victory also was indicative of a trend that has raised the ire of all UNC fans, namely, the lack of crowd enthusiasm.

Consider the following: The team's previous game against Virginia was as tight a struggle as UNC had faced in the Smith Center all year. Yet, it was only when the game was on the line, in the waning minutes of the second half, that the fans began to cheer for the team.

Many reasons have been suggested for the lack of noise in the "House that Dean Built." They range from the oft-mentioned complaint about the size of the building to the simple dearth of competitive games. Yet, if you ask anyone on campus what the biggest cog in the wheel of crowd apathy is, they will tell you point blank that it is the alumni.

Yes, the same Ram's Clubbers who raise hell and yell "Dick Crum can't coach" refuse to get excited at basketball games. But these people aren't the only ones responsible for the fact that the sound of a pin dropping on the court can be heard even in the hinterlands of "Nose Bleed Country." The blame lies with everyone — students and alumni alike.

### The Students

"It's not, like, cool to cheer." The common perception among students is that they always do all of the cheering and the reason there isn't more noise is because they are not seated next to the court. That is completely wrong.

Noise is not solely generated along courtside. In other buildings such as Kentucky's Rupp Arena and Syracuse's Carrier Dome — arenas which are larger than the Smith Center and which also seat the students behind the goals and in the upper levels — the crowds are always supportive, even if the game is not close.

Yet UNC students refuse to cheer. One alumnus, irked at student gripes about their lack of enthusiasm, raised the rhetorical question, "Where are the students?" To a



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Sad but true — the Smith Center and Tar Heel basketball seem to inspire an almost church-like reverence.

degree, he is right. Anyone who has been to the Smith Center and sat in a student block has noticed that the students are not truly obnoxious.

Whenever someone wants to cite the exemplary college crowd, Duke almost always comes to mind. Some UNC students feel that the spirit there is terrific because the students are seated along courtside. But that's simply an invalid excuse. The reason for the Duke fans' enthusiasm is that they have no hangups about being rowdy. At North Carolina, the students wouldn't dream of making signs that say "DIE OCEAN SCUM" (in deference to Navy's David Robinson) or of painting their torsos blue and white.

### The alumni

"It would be embarrassing to cheer."

For some reason, after football season is over, the Ram's Clubbers refuse to become elated about men's basketball. They do come to the

games and speak of Tar Heel Sports Network announcer Woody Durham as if he were a god, but during the games they cross their legs and act as if they have been mesmerized by the shining objects.

Many alumni feel that there should be more cheering for their alma mater. Woody Bennett, a former student from Broadway, was bold enough to allow, "There aren't enough students near the courts." Yet, as long as the Smith Center is used for basketball, it is unlikely that the retirement community will be booted from its choice seats. Bennett, when asked if students deserved better seating said, "No, we paid for it."

### The psychological perspective

"The team is too good for us to cheer."

When asked about the problem of crowd noise, one alumnus, who wished to remain anonymous, raised an interesting thought:

"(The lack of noise) is a product of what has happened over the last twenty years. The teams have been so great that the fans come here expecting to win. They don't really get excited unless it is a particular rivalry or if they're scared that the team is going to lose."

UNC has been so successful in the 1980's that the games are reduced to a ritual in which students and alumni get dressed up and come to socialize. Like the Forum in Los Angeles — the home arena of the NBA's Lakers — the wealthy of North Carolina come to games to see and be seen.

So where does that leave the issue of crowd noise? Until student attitudes truly change, there probably will not be an appreciable rise in noise at the Dean Dome.

### Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar appears daily. Announcements must be placed in the box outside The Daily Tar Heel office, 104 Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. The DTH will print announcements from University-recognized campus organizations only.

### Thursday

12:30 p.m. International Health Forum will sponsor "Health Care and Apartheid," a report by Mankekolo Mahlangu in 107 Berryhill. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

3:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will have an off-campus job search and interviewing skills workshop in 210 Hanes.

4 p.m. Rape Action Project will meet in 220 Union to assess Rape Awareness Week and discuss future plans. Newcomers will be

welcome.

5 p.m. Anti-Apartheid Support Group will meet in 226 Union.

7 p.m. Action Against Apartheid will have a general meeting in the Union.

UNC Outing Club will meet in the Union. Check the front desk for room number.

Interspersed Christian Fellowship, Granville/Off campus chapter, will host Guy Hipp to speak about commitment.

8 p.m. Carolina Water Ski Club will meet in 209 Union. Carolina Grateful Dead Society will meet in 211 Union to discuss the spring tour and a bus trip to Hampton.

Playmakers Repertory Theater will perform *A Doll's House* in Paul Green Theater.

### Items of Interest

Tryouts for Men's Club Lacrosse will be on the Navy Turf Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. Please come prepared to practice.

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It was incorrectly reported yesterday that Dr. Seong Soo Choi, who will be conducting a seminar Friday on the adaptation of physics to basketball, was a professor in the UNC physics department. In fact, Dr. Choi, a fourth-degree black belt, has received his Ph.D. from UNC. The DTH regrets the error.

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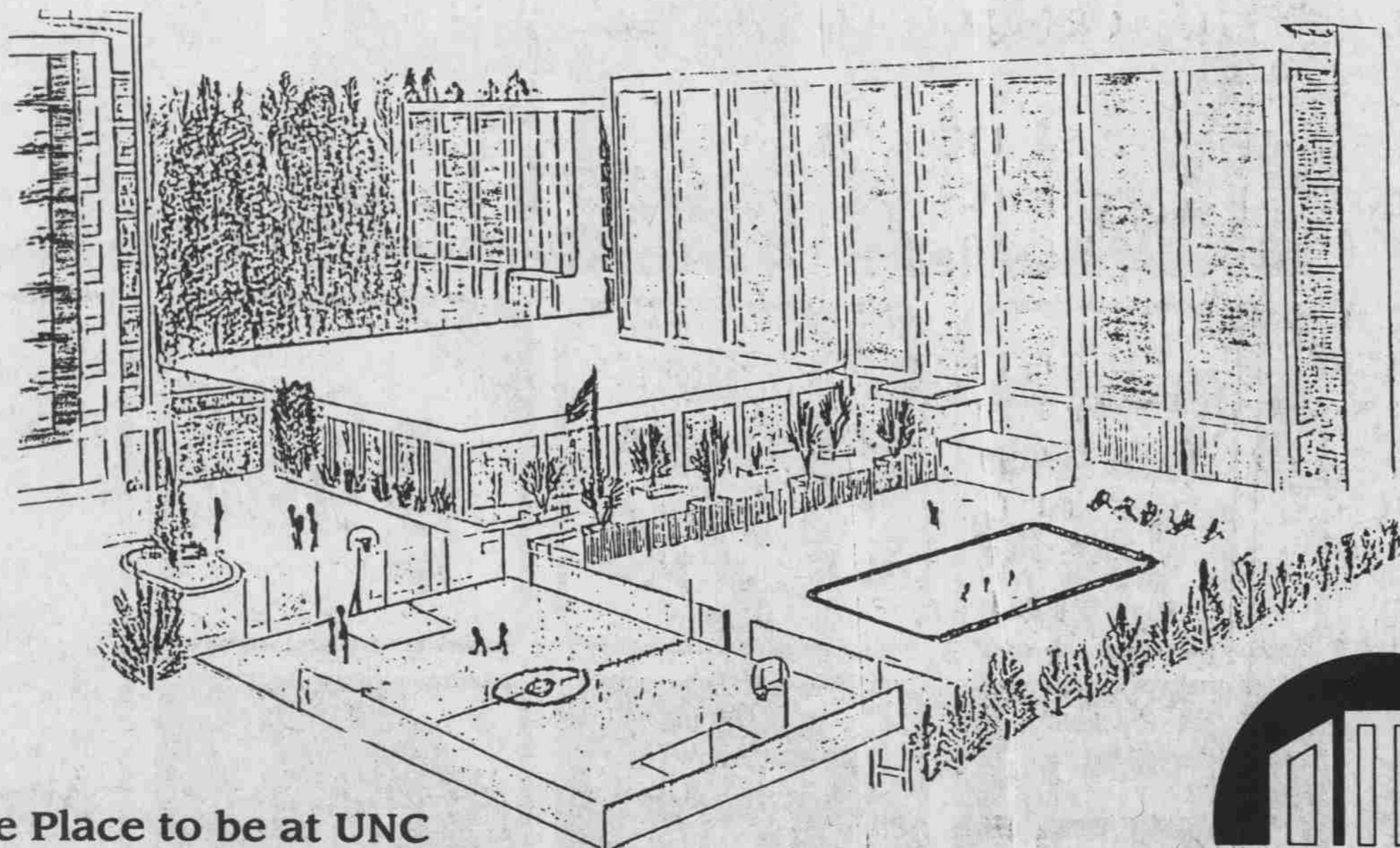
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